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**Request for  
Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/869,990
Filing Date	January 14, 2000
First Named Inventor	Stuart L. Soled, et al.
Attorney Docket No.	JHT-0004
Examiner Name	John Christopher Douglas
Confirmation Number	4545
Group Art Unit	1797
Family Number	P1997J057F

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR § 1.114 is effective on 5/29/2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to 5/29/2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination & Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed Reg 50092 (8/16/2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed Reg 14865 (3/20/2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (4/11/2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1330.
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e): \$810.00
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17): \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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